

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Allahabad Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bamrauli airport of Allahabad was an international airport earlier, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the reasons for cancelling the international status of the airport and accord international status to it again;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of flights being operated from Bamrauli airport at present;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to start new flights from the said airport to connect other cities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

- (a) : Bamrauli airport at Allahabad belongs to Indian Air Force, Ministry of Defence where the Airports Authority of India is maintaining a Civil Enclave. This Civil Enclave is not declared as an International airport by the Government of India so far.;;
- (b) : Declaration of an airport as International Airport depends upon the traffic potential and the demand from airlines for operation of international flights as well as the availability of the facilities like Runway length of about 9000 feet to cater to medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft, scope for extending the runway length further as per future requirements like for Airbus A330, availability of Ground Lighting Facilities and Instrument Landing System for operation of aircraft at night and availability of Customs, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services.
- (c): At present, Alliance Air is operating daily flights between Allahabad and Delhi from Bamrauli airport.;
- (d) & (e): Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. However, it is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. No requests have been received from any airlines to start new flights from Bamrauli Airport.